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### **Upcoming Important Dates**

Fall Registration Opens: April 2

Commencement: April 29

Summer Semester Begins: May 7

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### **Need an Update Made to the Website?**

If you need something added or changed on your department web page, you can now submit the change to IT directly. All employees now have access to the "Website Update and Request Form." The form can be found under the "My Links" section of your My Valley account. The form allows you to submit and monitor the progress of your request and correspond directly with a member of the IT staff about the change.

### **Vote Now for Faculty Instructional Awards**

All current students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the Eighth Annual Faculty Instructional Awards nomination process. The awards are meant to recognize instructors who actively encourage students' intellectual curiosity, engage them in the enterprise of learning and have a life-long impact. The deadline to vote is April 9, 2018.

Cast your vote now. One vote per person.

[Nominate a Colleague Now!](#)

### **Be Prepared: Retirement Planning**

Whether you are two or 20 years from retirement, it is essential that you properly plan for the future. Staff and Faculty Development, as part of its Retirement Series, is presenting a Guide to Markets on April 10 from 12-1 p.m. in room 5740 (TTC). This seminar has valuable information for employees and their families. [Register now!](#)



### **Foodways Symposium**

The Second Annual Kalamazoo Foodways Symposium will be held at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and the Culinary and Allied Health building of Kalamazoo Valley Community College on

April 6 and 7, 2018. The focus will be food history, culture, and systems, with lectures, demonstrations, community discussion, and food tastings. [more](#)

### **Participate in Online Training, Earn Money for Student Veterans**

Kalamazoo Valley's Veteran Services Office will be awarded \$500 if 118 employees participate in online training to better support our veterans. Thank you for helping us ensure our veterans have the best educational experiences possible at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

To take the course, follow the instructions below:

Go to: <https://www.kognitocampus.com/login/>

Create a New Account

Use enrollment key: michiganvets

Follow the on-screen instructions. Choose your course and click "LAUNCH"

For more information, contact [Mike Morehouse](#).



### **The Wailin' Jennys to Perform at Kalamazoo Valley on April 11**

The award-winning trio, The Wailin' Jennys, and their band, bring their heart-stopping harmonies to Kalamazoo Valley Community College as part of their 2018 U.S. tour. They take the stage at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 in Dale B. Lake Auditorium as a part of Kalamazoo Valley's Artists' Forum concert series.

The Wailin' Jennys are Nicky Mehta, Ruth Moody and Heather Masse - distinct voices that together forge an acoustic folk-roots supergroup with three-part harmonies that reach for the heavens, while delivering a soulful blend. [more](#)

### **Recycle Your Unwanted Electronics**

Community members, businesses and residents from surrounding communities are encouraged to recycle their unwanted electronic items Friday, April 13 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Texas Township Campus front parking lot.

Green Earth Electronics Recycling will be accepting computers, laptops, monitors (fee), TV (fee), telephones, cameras, printers and any other electronic item with a cord. Hard drives are wiped to Department of Defense specifications or shredded. [more](#)

# BUSINESS *Club*

## HOSTS DINING ETIQUETTE AT THE 418

Making a good impression includes using proper manners at a business meeting held over a lunch or dinner.

Members of the Kalamazoo Valley Business Club will be dining together on:

**April 5 | 4:00 p.m.  
418 Restaurant  
Culinary and Allied Health  
Building**

The purpose of this dinner is to learn proper business dining etiquette.

Seats are still available, so if you know of a student who may benefit from attending, please have them email [bizclub@kvcc.edu](mailto:bizclub@kvcc.edu) to make a reservation by April 3.



## CAMPUS BAND CONCERTS

The 60-member Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band will present its Spring Concert on Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in Dale B. Lake Auditorium located on the Texas Township Campus.

Under the direction of music faculty member Chris Garrett, the band will play a variety of concert band pieces including the circus march "Prestissimo," Bernstein's "Candide," Barne's "Trail of Tears," and many other musical selections.

The concert is free and open to the public so join us for this wonderful evening of concert band music. For more information contact [Chris Garrett](#) at 269.488.4102.

## STRENGTH SPOTLIGHT

As a strengths-based organization, Kalamazoo Valley gives its employees the opportunity to develop their strengths by building on their greatest talents – the way in which they most naturally think, feel, and behave as unique individuals.

In upcoming issues of KV Focus Plus, we will highlight one of the 34 different signature themes as identified by the Clifton StrengthsFinder Inventory as well as the names and titles of different people within the college who share it as their number one strength so you can learn more about the people you interact with on a daily basis.

### **This Issue: Maximizer**

Those with the Maximizer strength, excellence, not average, is their measure. Taking something from below average to slightly above average takes a great deal of effort and in their opinion, is not very rewarding. Transforming something strong into something superb takes just as much effort but is much more thrilling. They chose to spend time with people

who appreciate their particular strengths. Likewise, they are attracted to others who seem to have found and cultivated their own strengths. They tend to avoid those who want to fix them or make them well rounded.

The genius of the Maximizer talent starts with what they can see in people. They can see the strengths and talents, the potentials, and the capabilities, and they can see the emerging abilities within people even before they can see them. This results in them having an incredible impact on the lives of others. They are a great “coach” in moving people to their greatest potential and in moving people into roles where their potential can be lived out.

Did you know that Foundations Development and English Department Chairperson **Cheryl Almeda**, Special Events Coordinator **Jessica Potter**, Dental Hygiene Faculty **Kristine Keiser**, Internship Coordinator **Monica Koning**, Nursing Faculty **Sarah Pernie** and Math Faculty **Tim Kane** are among the faculty and staff who have Maximizer as their number one strength? [Click here to learn more](#)

## CAMPUS SAFETY TIP

Familiarize yourself with your school's emergency system and callbox locations so that you know what to do and where to go in case of a sudden emergency.

## CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

### TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

[Women's Basketball Tryouts April 10](#)

[WMU Campus Visit April 10](#)

[Kinetic Affect Returns to Kalamazoo Valley](#)

### ARCADIA COMMONS CAMPUS

[Religious Panel Discussion April 11](#)

[Top Secret: License to Spy](#)

[Golden Legacy: Original Art from 75 Years of Golden Books](#)

### BRONSON HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS

[2nd Annual Foodways Symposium Focuses on Native American Culture & Cooking](#)

[Explore Culture through Cooking](#)

[Exercise Nutrition](#)

### THE GROVES CAMPUS

[Project Management Training Coming to Kalamazoo Valley Community College](#)

[Applications being Accepted for August Police Academy](#)

### KALAMAZOO VALLEY IN THE NEWS

[Kalamazoo Valley chooses West Virginia College President as Successor to Schlack](#)

[Project Management Training Coming to Kalamazoo Valley Community College](#)  
[New Sensory Program at KVM](#)



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